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NORTH WALES POLICE
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Response Date: 18/09/2013

2013/521 - Chief Constable Motorcycle course

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

It has come to my attention that the Chief Constable of North Wales has recently "approved" a motorcycle course for himself. This obviously involves some expense to the force and thereby the public. It has also come to my attention that the Chief Constable acquired not one, but two sets of motorcycle clothing, again at the expense of the North Wales police. Other than the fact he is a motorcyclist himself and would probably enjoy tearing round the countryside on a motorcycle in preference to a day's work, I would seriously question the operational requirement for him undertaking such a course. I would therefore ask the following questions;

1) Firstly, is it correct that he did in fact undertake such a course and, if so, what were the relevant dates/length of the course?

The Chief Constable has completed two courses, a standard motorcycle course and an advanced motorcycle course.

Course Type	Days	Dates
Standard Course (7 days)	Weekend	9th & 19th March 2013
	Weekend	23rd & 24th March 2013
	Monday	25th March 2013
	Tuesday & Wednesday	16th & 17th April 2013
Advanced Course (9 days)	Saturday - Sunday	3rd - 11th August 2013

Every day the Chief Constable worked in the office or at home both before and after the course. Courses were conducted on the weekends where possible to minimise disruption to other commitments Mr Polin has to meet.

2) If the answer to 1 was "yes", what were the justifications of him taking the said course?

Mr Polin is focusing on becoming qualified to ride a police motorcycle to enable him to effectively participate in Operation Focus. Working alongside our officers, to engage with the motorcyclists and motorists who visit our Force area.

It has also assisted him with carrying out visits across the Force area (which he does frequently), visiting incidents whilst on patrol and attending meetings on occasion.

Information relating to Operation Focus;

http://www.north-wales.police.uk/news_appeals/latest_news/operation_focus.aspx

3) What were the cost implications of the course, to include the cost of the course itself and the Chief Constables wages whilst on the course?

The costs of the courses are as follows;

Course	Number of Days	Cost
Standard Motorcycle Course	7	£2,697
Advance Motorcycle Course	9	£3,523
Bike Assessment	1	£370

The costs of the courses are derived from the National Training Costing model methodology and include:

- Direct Costs – Cost of Trainer, Fuel costs, etc.
- Indirect Costs/Overheads – Covering costs such as Vehicle Costs (Depreciation, Repair & Maintenance), Administration costs, General Overheads etc.

By virtue of section 21 information accessible to the applicant by other means, I can confirm that all Police Officer pay is already in the public domain and can be accessed at the following website:

http://www.policeoracle.com/pay_and_conditions/police_pay_scales.html

4) What were the cost implications and justifications for the purchase of two sets of motorcycle equipment?

Mr Polin has not been issued with two sets of equipment.

5) How many other Chief Constables in the UK and Northern Ireland forces have taken motorcycle courses?

North Wales Police do not hold this information.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/08/2013